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In re Application of  
Jakob Heier, Cecile Verger,  
Antonius Ketelaars and  
Georges Hadzioannou  
Application No. 10/672,349  
Filed: September 25, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. 9424.218US01  
Title: FOIL PROVIDED WITH RECESSES  
AND ASSEMBLY OF SUCH A FOIL AND A  
LIQUID

DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on the "PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)," filed June 14, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on September 25, 2003, with an unexecuted declaration. Accordingly, on December 19, 2003, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" was mailed, requiring an executed oath or declaration, and a surcharge for its late filing (It appears that another copy of this Notice was mailed on December 18, 2003).

In response, rule 47 applicants filed the instant petition (and fee); the late surcharge; and a declaration executed by joint inventors Heier, Verger and Ketelaars on behalf of themselves and on behalf of non-signing joint inventor Hadzioannou. The response was made timely by an accompanying petition (and fee) for extension for response within the fourth month. Rule 47 applicants maintain that status under 37 CFR 1.47 is proper because joint inventor Hadzioannou refuses to join in the application for patent.

By declaration of patent counsel Ronald Ekkel, petitioner has shown that the application papers were presented to inventor Hadzioannou, but he refused to sign. The petition includes a copy of a letter by inventor Hadzioannou, reflecting his refusal to sign. The petition includes a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

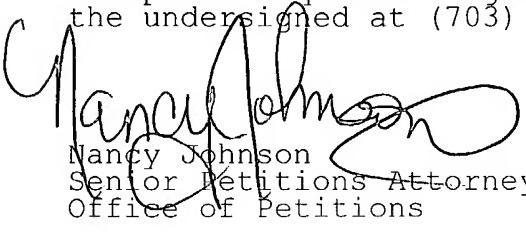
The declaration filed June 14, 2004, and the petition have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in new Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application will be examined in Technology Center 1775 in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0309.

  
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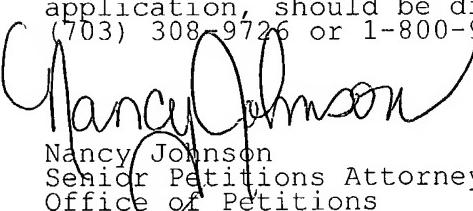
LETTER      OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Dear Mr. Hadzioannou:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63. However, no action on your part is required for this patent to issue with you as a named inventor.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Nancy Johnson at (703) 305-0309. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

  
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